3. Special Employment Exchange and Special cells in Employment Exchanges.

4. District Rehabilitation Centre Scheme.

For extending services to the rural population the Ministry of Social & Women's Welfare is trying out a pilot Scheme called the District Rehabilitation Centre Scheme in six Districts in the country. In due course, these Centres are expected to render comprehensive services to the mentally disabled population also.

Construction work undertaken by Railways outside India

234. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries where the Railways have undertaken construction work during the last three years along with the details of the projects;

(b) the progress so far made in the execution of these projects and by when these are likely to be completed; and

(c) what is the estimated earnings on account of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Indian Railway Construction Company, a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Railways has undertaken construction work in the following countries during the last 3 years:

Nigeria, Iraq, Algeria and Saudi Arabia.

The details of the projects in the above countries with date of commencement and completion/target are as under:

1 *Nigeria* : Supply, delivery, installation and Commissioning of 55 mechanically operated lifting barriers to Nigerian Railway Corporation.

Cost - Rs. 56 lakhs.

Date of commencement of work . . . . January, 1981
Date of completion . . . . . September, 1982

2 *Iraq* : (1) Construction of sections 3 and 4 of Mussayeb-Kerbala-Najaf-Kufa-Samawa Railway Project.

Cost Rs 320 crores.

Date of commencement of work 18-7-1981
Date of completion . . . . . Dec., 1984

(2) Signalling, Telecommunication, Electric Power Supply and out door lighting works for the above project.

Cost Rs. 32 crores.

Date of commencement of work . . . 9-10-1982
Date of completion . . . . . Dec., 1984

(3) Contract for manufacture and supply of pre-stressed concrete sleepers to Baghdad Al-Qaiam Akashat Railway Project in Iraq.

Cost—Rs. 3 crores.

Date of commencement of work . . . . Aug., 1982
Date of completion . . . . . Dec., 1982

(4) Construction of Standard Gauge Branch Line to Cement Factory in Al-Muthanna

Cost—Rs 137 crores.

Date of commencement of work 11-1-1985
Up-to-date progress 10%
Target date of completion 10-7-1987

3. *Algeria* : 1. Provision of Rail facilities to serve the Cement Factory at Saida

Cost—Rs. 35 crores.

Date of commencement of work 1-4-1983

Up-to-date progress 80%

Target date of completion 30-9-1985

2. Provision of Rail facilities to serve the Cement Factory at Benisaf

Cost Rs. 81 crores

Date of commencement of work 1-12-1983

Up-to-date progress 25%

Target date of completion 1-12-1986

4. *Saudi Arabia* : Detail Design and Construction of Major Maintenance Workshop at Dammam.

Cost—Rs. 20 crores.

Date of commencement of work 14-9-1983

Up-to-date progress 60%

Target date of completion 13-3-1986

(c) Rs. 54·6 crores.

Workcharged staff in Railways

235. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workcharged staff of the Railways are going to be discharged;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) how many workcharged staff are now on the roll of the Railways all over India and how many of them have been absorbed during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Workcharged staff drawn from regular establishment are repatriated to their parent departments when there is contraction of work or in the exigencies of service. As regards casual labour engaged on execution of work, their continuance in employment depends upon availability of work and resources.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

236. [*Transferred to the 1st August, 1985.*

Accidents at Railway crossings

237. SHRI SYED AHMED HASHMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of the accidents on Railway crossings which took place during the current year so far; and

(b) the number of Railway crossings, Zone-wise, which are still unmanned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.